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## **DALLAS MAN INDICTED FOR ARMED BANK ROBBERY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Dallas, Texas, man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for the armed robbery of the Commerce Bank on the Country Club Plaza.

**John L. Stanley**, 60, of Dallas, was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Stanley** robbed the Commerce Bank, located at 118 W. 47<sup>th</sup> St., in Kansas City, on June 10, 2004. During the robbery, the indictment alleges, **Stanley** took by force \$8,169.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Stanley** used a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, that is, the robbery of the Commerce Bank on June 10, 2004.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Stanley** was a felon in possession of a firearm at the time of the robbery. The indictment alleges that he was in possession of a Sig Sauer semi-automatic handgun on June 10, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Stanley** has two 1986 criminal felony convictions for possession of a stolen motor vehicle and transfer of a counterfeit motor vehicle title.

**Stanley** was originally charged in a criminal complaint filed in federal court on June 14, 2004, in Kansas City. Today's indictment replaces the criminal complaint.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Stanley** was wearing fake teeth when he entered the Commerce Bank building. **Stanley** allegedly withdrew a handgun from a bag he placed on a teller counter, then ordered two tellers to give him money from their cash drawers, which he placed in the bag.

Minutes after the robbery occurred, according to the affidavit, law enforcement officers contacted **Stanley**, who was sitting in a 1988 Ford Crown Victoria in a parking lot at 3130 Broadway, wearing what appeared to be a false mustache (half of which was hanging loose) with a large quantity of currency in his lap. When they removed **Stanley** from the vehicle, they found a loaded Sig Sauer .40-caliber handgun in his waistband. During a search of the vehicle, officers also found a quantity of money and a set of crooked false teeth.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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